Polls open today, few students care

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BY JENNY ROSE Staff Writer

Polling places open this morning for the primary elections — but don’t expect to see them filled with college students.

College-age voter turnout in Arizona elections has hovered around 8 percent for the past several years, said Peter Gooldnoff, a political science lecturer and former Arizona state senator. That makes voters between the ages of 18 and 25-years old the least likely group to vote.

In contrast, voters over the age of 60 are the most likely to vote, with a 70 percent turnout rate at the polls, said Chris Roads, registrar of voters for Pima County.

Pima County sees an average 60 percent turnout for the general election, which means about 200,000 of the 350,000 registered voters in the county are filling the bubble on the ballot for their favorite candidates, he said.

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Blood banks drying up

BY JESSE GREENSPAN Staff Writer

Immediately after Sept. 11, an abundance of eager volunteers over-loaded blood drives close to campus and around the country. Since that time, however, blood donations have fallen below pre-Sept. 11 levels.

Yesterday on the UA Mall, United Blood Services, in coordination with Project Volunteer, attempted to get students back into the spirit of giving. “We wanted to promote blood awareness and revolve it around the notion of giving,” said Volunteer co-coordinator Claire Klein.

People over the age of 60 are the most likely group to vote.

“O- is especially important because anyone can use it,” Klein said, while also adding the importance of getting O+ and B- blood.

Originally, the United Blood Services set a goal of 60 pints for the drive, which lasted from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. However, one of the two buses was unable to show up due to brake problems, dropping the goal to 40 units, Klein said.

“People with negative blood types were especially encouraged to donate, as there has been a short supply of O-, A-, and B- blood,” Klein said.

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Molecular and cellular biology sophomore Elizabeth Ashley takes some time in between classes to donate blood on the UA Mall yesterday morning. Blood donations have dropped sharply after peaking in the days immediately following Sept. 11 of last year.

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Career Fair hooks up job-hungry

BY CINDY COLE News Editor

Students flocked to McKale Center in waves yes- terday to visit 120 prospec- tive employers during a career fair that looks to be much bigger than last year’s fair, which fell on Sept. 11.

Students lined the ramp all around McKale Center before the fair opened yester- day, said Susan Miller, Career Services coordinator of marketing and special events.

Miller expected 2,000 to 2,500 students would attend Career Fair yesterday, with a slight drop off in attendance today.

Of the 128 prospective employers waiting to meet the students, 120 plus one PETSMART dog showed up. The career fair was cut from three days to two this year because of the slowing economy, Miller said.

Government recruiters made up a quarter of the employers at this year’s fair, which some consider a sign of a weak job market.

“The best part is just to see all the candidates coming out for jobs, even though it’s a tight market,” said Sara Schroeder, a 2003 UA cham- pion who is now a buyer tech- nician for PETSMART.

Schroeder and fellow recruiters at her booth are looking to hire 360 employ- ees for stores across the United States and Canada. Within the first three and a half hours, the fair had been open, about 50 people had stopped by the U.S. Fair Recruitment booth for information, said Robert Kitto, officer accessions recruiter.

The U.S. Customs Service offi- cer Rick Springer and fellow customs employees are look- ing to attract 15,000 appli- cants to work on the United States and Canadian border from Maine to Washington.

IRS recruiter Dennis Huot said he’d had about 50 visi- tors to his booth in less than four hours. The IRS is look- ing to hire hundreds of employees, primarily accounting majors, once the federal budget is approved in October.

“There has been a tremendous increase in gov- ernment services regardless of agency,” Huot said.

But Peace Corps recruiter Jeff Ogren has seen a dip in the numbers of people inter- ested in overseas service recently. He attributes the smaller number of applica- tions to fears resulting from terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, among other factors. About 20 students had stopped by the Peace Corps’ booth three